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Attorney Docket No.: 03DV-9089

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thaylen K. Lean, et al.

Serial No.: 10/026,847

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: STUD MOUNTING SYSTEM

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: Art Unit: 3632  
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: Examiner: Naschica S. Morrison  
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1. Transmitted herewith is: Request for RCE (1 pg., in duplicate); Amendment in Response to Final Office Action dated March 21, 2003 (13 pgs.); Response to Examiner's Request for Substance of Interview Summary (1 pg.); and Return Receipt Postcard.

STATUS

2. Applicant  
☐ claims small entity status.  
☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: \$930.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

— An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$930.00

OR

- (b) — Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	MINUS	=		x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	MINUS	=		x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$

## FEE PAYMENT

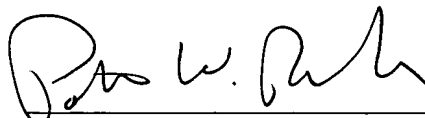
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$930.00.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Other:



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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REQUEST FOR WRITTEN STATEMENT OF  
SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

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In response to the Examiner's Request for Written Statement of Substance of  
Telephone Interview, dated March 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

A telephonic interview occurred regarding the above referenced Patent Application on  
December 17, 2002. Participants of this interview were: Examiner Morrison and for the  
Applicants, Robert B. Reeser, Claims 1 through 20 were discussed.

During the interview, Applicants submitted arguments that Boede does not teach the  
present invention because the fastener does not extend outwardly from the inner surface of a  
housing. Examiner Morrison was not persuaded by the Applicants arguments and an  
agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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